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1. WE CONTACTED BERNARD OF THE MARITIME ADMINISTRATION WHO CONFIRMED THAT CHAPON WOULD NOT REMAIN IN GOVERNMENT. MR. LEONARD IS MOVING UP TO THE CABINET OF THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT. MR. PHILIPPE BRONGNIART HAS BEEN APPOINTED DIRECTEUR DE LA FLOTTE DE COMMERCE (MERCHANT MARINE) AND MR. PAUL OLIVIER DIRECTEUR DES PORTS & DE LA NAVIGATION MARITIME (HARBORS AND MARITIME NAVIGATION). MESSRS. DE ROHAN AND BERNARD WILL REMAIN IN THEIR PRESENT POSITIONS AND CONTINUE TO BE EB/MA'S PRINCIPAL CONTACTS.

2. THE DIRECTION GENERALE DE LA MARINE MARCHANDE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL MARITIME ACTIVITIES OF THE MINISTRY SINCE IT WILL INCLUDE PORTS AND MARITIME NAVIGATION, MARITIME FISHING, MERCHANT MARINE (NAVAL CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR, SEAMEN WORK STATISTICS AND RETIREMENT). RESPONSIBILITY FOR INLAND WATERWAYS WILL GO TO A NEW DIRECTION GENERALE DES TRANSPORTS INTERIEURS ALONG WITH HIGHWAYS, LAND TRANSPORTATION AND A SERVICE FOR ECONOMIC ANALYSIS.
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3. COMMENT: IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY WHAT THE IMPACT OF THIS REORGANIZATION WILL HAVE ON FRANCE'S SHIPPING POLICIES. NO POLICY STATEMENTS ARE EXPECTED UNTIL APPOINTMENT OF THE NEW DIRECTOR GENERAL DE LA MARINE MARCHANDE. WE WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED.
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